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MEMORANDUM FOR: OGC

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Office of Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Representative Wolff's Amendment to H.R. 12514

1. On 31 July 1978, Representative Lester Wolff (D., N.Y.) introduced an amendment to H.R. 12514, the International Security Assistance Act of 1978. His amendment directs that the President, in cooperation with (a) Congress and (b) "knowledgeable" members of the public, conduct a full review of U.S.-USSR relations. The review will cover but not be limited to reevaluating:

--U.S. objectives and priorities toward the USSR.

--the "linkages" that exist, or should exist, between the two countries regarding arms control negotiation, human rights, economic and cultural exchanges;

--the impact of U.S. relations with Cuba and the People's Republic of China on U.S.-USSR relations;

--the challenges posed by Soviet and Cuban involvement in developing countries and U.S. response to those challenges;

--the current status of SALT.

2. Ninety days after the enactment of this bill, the President must report the results of the review to Congress.

3. Problem: Some of the items to be included in the review, such as SALT, will probably involve sensitive intelligence sources and methods. Wolff's amendment passed the House late Thursday night. The House and Senate will go to conference this Thursday. We should submit amendatory language stating that the President's report will not contain classified information or information compromising sources and methods or alternatively that such information should be reported instead to our intelligence oversight committees. We would be interested in your comments as soon as possible.

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